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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: BEIRUT STANDFAST WARNING DECLARATION

1. AMBASSADOR GODLEY IN BEIRUT HAS DECLARED EMBASSY BEIRUT IN STANDFAST WARNING STATUS AS RESULT OF CONTINUING VIOLENCE THERE. LAST NIGHT SIGNIFICANT VIOLENCE SPREAD TO PART OF TOWN IN WHICH AMERICANS LIVE. GODLEY PROPOSES TO AUTHORIZE EVACUATION OF THOSE DEPENDENTS WHO WISH TO LEAVE STARTING TOMORROW SEPTEMBER 25, WITH CONTINGENCY PREPARATIONS TO BE MADE FOR A GENERAL EVACUATION IF THAT SHOULD BECOME NECESSARY. WE WILL BE AUTHORIZING GODLEY, IN NEXT HOUR OR SO, TO PROCEED ALONG THESE LINES.

2. AT THIS STAGE THIS IS MAINLY A MOVE TO ASSURE THAT WE WOULD BE IN A POSITION TO CARRY OUT A MAJOR EVACUATION
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QUICKLY IF THAT WERE ORDERED. THERE WOULD BE LITTLE ACTUAL

MOVEMENT IN NEXT FEW DAYS AS A RESULT OF THIS, ALTHOUGH WE
WOULD HAVE TO TELL OTHER MEMBERS OF AMERICAN COMMUNITY IN
BEIRUT THAT WE ARE TAKING THESE PRECAUTIONS. ROBINSON

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